

HANGING IN THE BALANCE

Fate of County Detention Home Must Be Decided.

Six Months of Probationary Existence Is Nearly Ended.

COMMISSIONERS IN QUANDARY

Question of Finance and of the Public Will.

Its Future Must Be Determined by July 1.

In the next two weeks the Shawnee county commissioners will have to take action relative to the detention home that has been maintained, on an experimental basis, for the last six months. The home will be automatically abandoned on July 1 unless, in the meanwhile some policy is determined calling for its continuation. Six months ago the board of commissioners agreed to conduct a detention home for half a year as an experiment.

Just now the three wise men who constitute the honorable board are trying to divine the wishes of the majority of the people of Shawnee county in relation to the detention home. Whether it is more desirable to spend \$84 a month or upwards for the privilege of sheltering wards of the juvenile court in a place outside the walls of the county jail, or to save that amount of money for use in other places where it is very badly needed, is the question over which the three commissioners are prayerfully engaged. On one side are the juvenile court officers, backed by the enthusiastic support of some public spirited Topeka women, who for the last six months or longer have labored in the capacity of a self constituted "welfare commission."

What Home Has Done.

In the first five months of its existence the detention home has consisted of a boarding house conducted by Mrs. W. D. Bundy, at 424 Van Buren street, in which she has lodged whatever wards the juvenile court has turned over to her. In all she has taken care of 24 different children, receiving a flat rate of \$25 every month plus 50 cents a day for each child cared for. The monthly expense of the home has varied from as low as \$65.50 to as high as \$107.50. It has averaged \$84. The monthly record has been like this:

January, 9 children cared for. Board allowance for 101 days. Total expense for month, \$75.50.
February, 10 children cared for. Board allowance for 81 days. Expense for month, \$65.50.
March, 12 children cared for. Board allowance for 124 days. Expense for month, \$87.00.
April, 10 children cared for. Board allowance for 105 days. Expense for month, \$107.50.
May, 10 children cared for. Board allowance for 119 days. Expense for month, \$84.50.

Judge Hugh H. Hays, who presides over the juvenile court, firmly believes that the detention home is worth what it costs. It has enabled the court to take care of several children who probably would not have been in the county jail. It has also proven a convenient place to shelter children in need of care. One or two such cases have been taken care of there.

The record of individual cases which have found their way into the detention home, as preserved by Ed Rooney, probation officer, is an exceedingly interesting one. This has been carefully kept from the beginning and an inspection of it is pretty certain to ensnare the interest even of the individual who regards the detention home idea as an expensive luxury.

This week the women's welfare commission, represented by two of its most active members, turned in its portfolio to the county commissioners and quit work. The two workers explained that in their opinion the detention home had demonstrated its usefulness and that beyond suggesting a few improvements, based on a study of the Kansas City detention home, there was nothing further for them to do.

These recommendations were that some plan be adopted by which the period of confinement in the home be shortened in each individual case; that bars and locks be put on the windows and doors of the building used as a detention home; that an effort be made to compel relatives of children held in the home to pay for their keep while there, and that each child admitted be given a thorough physical examination.

May Be Abandoned.

Although no member of the board of county commissioners has yet reached the point where he is ready to express his views on the desirability of the detention home, for public opinion, there is a feeling of skepticism.

Many Topekan cannot go away for the summer, but they can enjoy their summer at home by doing their cooking with electricity, thus cutting out the hot stoves which heat up the entire house.

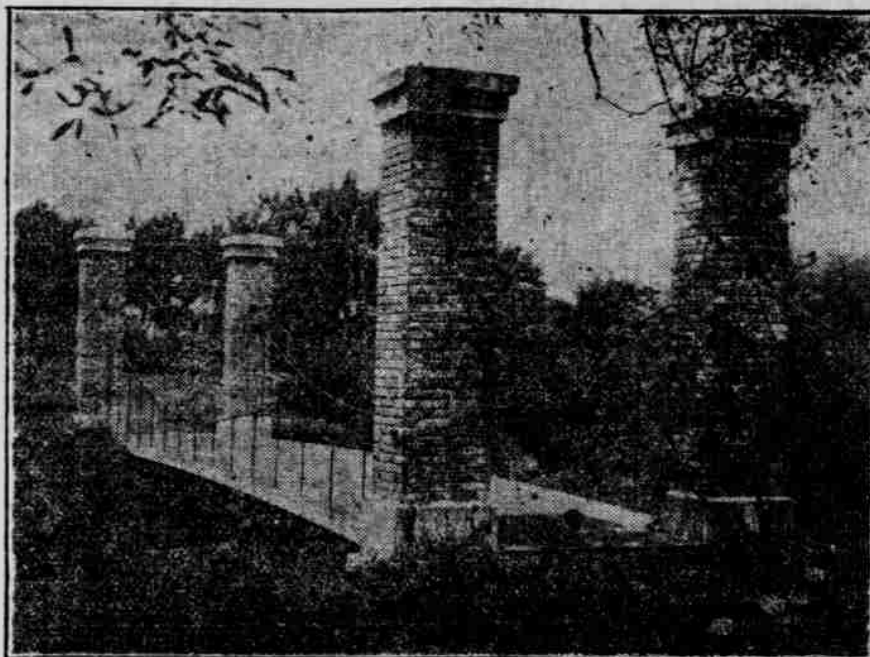
J. E. Gossett of 518 Garfield has determined to get a good measure of relief by purchasing an electric toaster. A toaster, of course, will not do the work a range does, but it will cook breakfast and do any kind of light cooking. It will reduce the problems of the cooking question more than half. If she can't have a range, every housewife should have a toaster.

Viola Gustafson of 221 Jackson street purchased an electric washer, and will do all her washing quickly and better at the minimum cost of 5 cents for power.

The purchase of electric irons goes merrily on and this great little convenience is gradually making its way into every home in Topeka. The following bought irons the past week: Mrs. C. M. Alexander of 809 West 11th street; Mrs. E. D. Peck of 815 Lincoln; Mrs. W. A. Donnell, 320 Laurel; Mrs. C. N. Horn, 221 Lake; Gene Fryer, 1313 Tenth; Mrs. J. M. Caylor, 1035 N. Central.

There is nothing more useful to have in the home than an electric iron.

TOPEKA'S OUTDOORS



Suspension Bridge in Willow Park.



A Bit of Gage Park Scenery.

Topekan do not need to go to northern woods for primitive scenery. Her parks are even more beautiful this season than formerly. Utility is the motto for Topeka's parks. Scenery isn't all. In close proximity to the deer and wild water-fowl are golf links, swimming pools and boating. Ball grounds and tennis courts are being prepared, and play-ground equipment is being installed. There is something for everybody in Topeka's parks.

about the advisability of a detention home in the general scheme of Shawnee county affairs. Whether such an establishment is worth \$1,000, or upwards, a year when the children handled by it might be taken care of in the county jail building under the supervision of the county matron, or in the homes of their relatives, or in emergency homes, is what is worrying the commissioners.

Financing Shawnee county is becoming annually a more intricate job. Expenses of county charity already approach \$25,000 a year and the detention home is strictly a humanitarian proposition. The present arrangement is probably cheaper than the building and equipment of a home devoted to such uses. Members of the board of commissioners agree that the detention home is a beautiful idea. What they want to know is, "If the people whose business they are administering, want their money spent that way?"

United States in 1913 sold \$6,273 worth of cement to Australia.

The largest cyanide factory in the world is located in Glasgow.

burn: W. S. Cole, 1224 Wayne; Gage Olsen, 1025 Laney; E. Morgan, 1185 Washburn; J. W. Winter, 1410 Buchanan; I. C. Todd, 1107 Lane; A. E. Lindgren, 300 College; Frank Sachs, Ridge and Munson; R. B. Morris, 1225 Kansas avenue; I. McKee, 1221 Wayne; E. F. Huffer, 1706 West; J. Roller, 1231 Wayne; S. R. Reeves, 190 Evans; J. C. Brown, 219 Roosevelt; W. G. Shillinglaw, 365 Roosevelt; M. Grant, 1813 W. 6th; B. Weddington, 612 College; A. Farris, 320 College; G. S. Oliver, 247 College; E. Edwards, 991 College; William Buffington, 1047 College; D. W. Prescott, 105 Exeter; D. Dodson, 1805 W. 6th; Mrs. H. Woodall, 1152 1/2 King; Rev. Frank Wilson, 1114 Buchanan; Mrs. M. F. Clark, 1153 Lane; D. F. Malory, 1415 Van Buren; Hayden Edmonds, 1324 Van Buren; R. Meador, 1012 Grand.

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CIGAR STUBS IN TOPEKA PROVE IT

Unburned Lengthy Ones Prove Prosperity Claims.

Commercial Traveler Shows How Conditions Compare.

EAST SMOKES 'EM SHORTER

Never Failing Sign of Necessity for Economy.

Business Situation Indicated by Traffic in Weed.

The prosperity of the country is in the west. A traveling man who visits all of the larger towns in the United States each year says so. Not alone does the commercial man base his argument on the testimony of business men and "feeling" the financial condition of communities. Being rather observant and somewhat of a philosopher, the traveling man carries some brand new argument all his own. The mid-western man smokes more cigars, better cigars and does not smoke them so short as the down east chappie who lives closer to Wall street and the interests once listed as "infant industries" and benefited by a not unfriendly tariff.

Sitting in the lobby of a Topeka hotel, the traveling man discussed finance as he saw it. He talked about the psychology of money matters and he drew argument and thought from new angles.

"When a man's business is slipping a bit, he begins to economize," said the traveling man. "He doesn't often economize by wearing last year's business suit this year or by denying his wife a new dress. Neither does he move to a less fashionable district. Seldom does he discharge the chauffeur and drive his own car. Man is a peculiar animal in that respect. He has the desire to save and the willingness to save. But he doesn't want any one to know about it. He will seldom admit it himself, but just the same he saves."

How He Fools Himself.

"The easiest way in all the world for a man to fool himself into the idea that he is saving is in his cigar bill," said the philosophical traveling salesman. "I know because I have tried it myself and other men have told me the same thing. For twenty years I have been watching the signs and never knew them to fail—hard times, slow business, fewer cigars smoked, and smoked to shorter lengths."

The traveling man instinctively reached for his cigar case, offered his visitor a dark Havana and lighted one himself. By the rules of the traveling man's firm was doing a fairly prosperous business and the traveling man himself had not suffered a salary cut.

"We do down east last month," the traveling man explained. "Business down east isn't what it has been or what it ought to be. For some time big business has been cutting corners close. Of course things are looking up. But the real prosperity of the country is in the mid-west—Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and all through the wheat producing states. Missouri, Arkansas and Oklahoma are looking up on account of the zinc boom. But Kansas and Nebraska are more typical. They have had a big wheat crop of last year and another big crop this year."

"Of course I knew these things in a general way when I was east. One day it was raining in New York and I lounged about in the lobby of my hotel a bit. I went over and talked to the cigar girl, after first buying a few cigars."

Business on the Hummer.

"Business is on the hummer," she told me. "The old sports who used to buy quarter and fifty cent ones buy ten centers now and our old ten cent customers go to the nickel and five cent ones. It's just rotten that's all and our fine stock of high priced cigars is about to dry up and blow away."

"Then I watched events in the lobby. I saw a gay old New York smoking cigars until I thought the stubs would burn the whiskers of some of those Wall street speculators. But the condition wasn't local in New York. Old Bostonians were doing the same. There wasn't much difference in Philadelphia or Cincinnati. Along the curb I saw 'smoke' smoked to within an inch of the end. The east was merely economizing, that was all."

"Give me the mid-west," he said. "There's right up on their toes out here."

The traveling man pointed to a hotel patron in the lobby. "That man?" he asked. The visitor nodded.

"Bet you that's a lawyer or a merchant from some Kansas town. The visitor knew the man in the lobby and supplied the information that he owned a store in a western Kansas town."

"We'd have known it if he had been in the middle of the Atlantic," vowed the salesman. "That man has been there about an hour. He's smoking his third cigar and he has treated those two fellows with him twice since I have been sitting here. They are smoking two for 25 cents cigars—pretty medium good cigars out this way. But just watch them."

For ten minutes the traveling man and his visitor talked about the Kansas wheat crop, the rains and the war news. All the time they were keeping their eyes on the men with the cigars. Presently one of the men threw his cigar in the cuspidor. A few minutes later, other members of the party followed suit. The cigars were from a third to a half smoked.

"What did I tell you?" asked the traveling man with a broad grin. "You might think their action was due to nervousness. That might be true as applied to an individual case. But when they do it, that means prosperity—especially when they are smoking them short in another section of the country."

The visitor watched other men in the hotel lobby—Kansasans from the smaller towns. The traveling man's psychology of finance was beginning to parse.

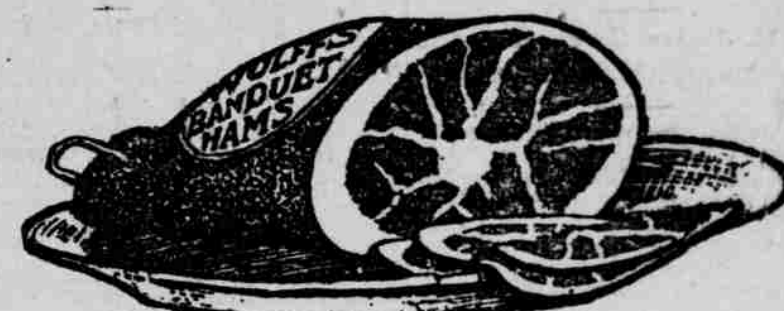
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LECTURE

Monday, June 14, at 8 p. m., Grand opera house, by Clarence C. Eaton, C. S. B., member of Board of Lectureship of Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Mass. All cordially invited. Adv.

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FIRST BUG SPECIAL.

Hessian Fly Train Made Successful Trip—Covered 600 Miles.

Great Bend, June 12.—A bug special, the first of its kind ever run in the United States, is the Hessian Fly Special which was run by the Santa Fe and State Agricultural college through the fly infested regions of the state this week.

The train proved a great success. More than 7,000 farmers attended the various meetings. Six hundred miles of country along the railroad was visited. Sixty-four stops were made. On the train were 18 experts, four being entomologists from the college.

The trip was very successful from every point of view, said E. C. Johnson, superintendent of insect arrangements. "If the farmers adopt the control methods of which they have been told, the Hessian fly will do little damage next year."

In territory where the fly was doing little damage talks about other insect pests were given. In a number of communities the army worm, the chinch bug and the grasshopper were the subjects of lively discussions. Better wheated preparation to increase the yields of the different crops was emphasized by the agronomy experts.

Gay Crowds at The Elms.

The European war has brought Americans to realize that they have more wonderful resorts in their own country than they have visited abroad. Crowds of eastern people as well as Canadians have flocked to Excelsior Springs, Missouri, where The Elms hotel is the center of social life.

Golf, tennis, horseback riding, motor, bowling, dancing, quaint cake-walks given by the darlings in their own way, and many other novel amusements make time pass quickly. Excelsior Springs is the Karlsbad of America and we are just beginning to know the unequalled quality of its health giving waters. Adv.

"Griddles is a queer gink."

"What's the latest sensation?" "Why, he sent a two-dollar long distance telephone call to save an hour's time, and then squabbled for two hours over paying the cent stamp tax on it."

Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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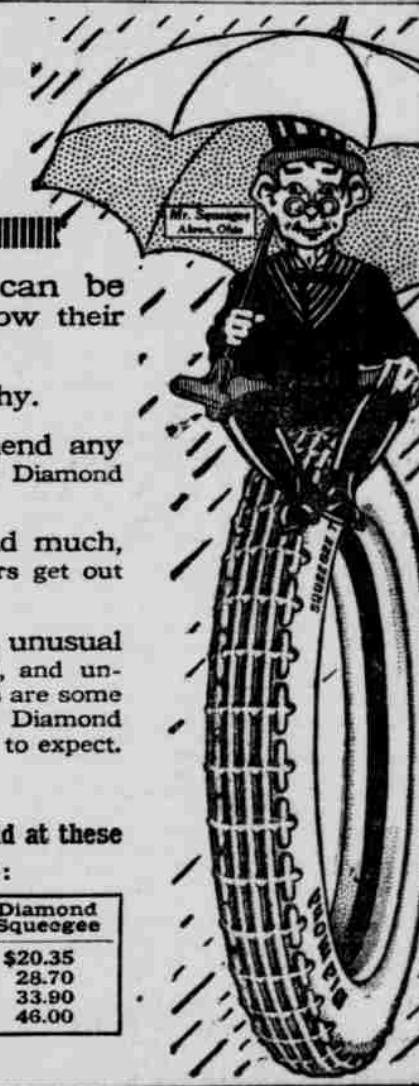
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